

[25th January 1928]

Appointment of the Principal and the Vice-Principal of the Madras Law College.

* 1430 Q.—MR. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Law College Council recommended any person or persons for the Principalship of the Law College consequent on the impending retirement of the present incumbent ;

(b) whether the Law College Council recommended any person or persons for the Vice-Principalship of the college ;

(c) whether there is any office of Vice-Principal of the Law College at present ;

(d) whether the same Law College Council did not approve of the creation of the office of Vice-Principalship recommended by the Law College Reorganization Committee and suggested by the Government ;

(e) who were the members of the committee then, and who are the members of the committee now ;

(f) what are the reasons for the proposed creation of the office of the Vice-Principalship of the Law College now ;

(g) whether the Law College Council before recommending the persons for the Principalship and Vice-Principalship invited applications by open advertisements ; if so, in what manner ;

(h) whether the Government received any resolutions of the Law College Council regarding the recommendation of a Principal and a Vice-Principal ; if so, when the Government received the resolutions and when the Law College Council passed the resolutions referred to above ;

(i) whether the Government will insist upon inviting applications for the Principalship before the appointment is made ;

(j) what is the pay proposed by the Law College Council for the Principalship, what is the present grade of pay ; and

(k) whether the proposed nominee of the Law College Council for the Principalship is to be a whole-time officer or whether he will have the liberty to practise also, and if so, why ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have not received any recommendation. The post itself has not yet been sanctioned.

(c) No.

(d) The Law College Reorganization Committee did not suggest the creation of a post of Vice-Principal. It however emphasized the importance of library work in the college. In its resolutions dated 17th December 1924 and 2nd February 1925, the Law College Council recommended the creation of a full-time post of Vice-Principal who would assist the Principal in the administrative work of the college, supervise the library work of the students and the assistant lecturers and also act for the Principal during the latter's absence on leave. The Government considered that, to begin with, it would be sufficient to sanction the creation of a part-time post of personal assistant and librarian who would assist the Principal in organizing the library work of the students and do such other duties as might be assigned to him by the Principal. Sanction to the creation

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of a part-time post of personal assistant on a salary of Rs. 400 a month for a period of one year was accorded in September 1925. Subsequently, Government intimated that they would have no objection to the designation of personal assistant being changed to Vice-Principal, the pay remaining at Rs. 400 a month. In its resolution dated 6th November 1925, the College Council again reiterated its recommendations for the creation of a full-time post of Vice-Principal and in its resolutions dated 31st March 1926, 23rd July 1926 and 6th September 1926, the College Council expressed the view that the creation of a part-time post of personal assistant or Vice-Principal would be of little or no value to the College.

- (e) The hon. Member apparently requires particulars as to the names of the members of the Law College Council. A statement giving the requisite particulars is laid on the table.^a
- (f) It has been urged on the Government that, in view of the very large number of students in the College (nearly 1,000), there should be on the staff another full-time officer designated Vice-Principal who would have equality of status with the Principal, assist him in the administrative work of the College and act for him in temporary vacancies.
- (g) The Government have no information.
- (h) The Director of Public Instruction addressed the Government on the subject. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Law College Council were not forwarded to Government.
- (i) The Government have appointed Mr. M. Ratnaswami to officiate as Principal of the College.
- (j) The pay proposed by the Law College Council for the Principal is Rs. 1,500 plus an allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem. The present sanctioned pay of the post is Rs. 400—50—600, 600—50—1,000, 1,000—50—1,500.
- (k) Under the existing rules, the Principal is a full-time officer and is debarred from pursuing his profession except in consulting or chamber practice.

Agriculture

Export of indigenous manures.

* 1431 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the price of indigenous natural manures has gone up of late years;

(b) whether the quantity exported from this Presidency to Ceylon and other foreign places has been increasing from year to year;

(c) whether figures showing the quantity exported and the cost of bone-meal, fish-guano, oil-cakes and other indigenous fertilisers during the last 12 years can be placed on the table;